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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Hong Kong Bureau Monthly Report for May 1981

**I. GENERAL**

Consul General Shoesmith confounded the assignment-mongers this month when he announced that he will be staying on in Hong Kong for another year. Since Shoesmith's work style has been to invest his deputy with considerable authority, the practical effects on the bureau of his extended tenure will depend largely upon the management style of new Deputy Principal Officer Dick Williams, who will replace Nat Bellocchi this summer. Williams is currently consul general in Canton, and while we have no firsthand experience with his style of management, the bureau chief has had brief social and official contacts with him and found him quite congenial. (U)

**II. OPERATIONS**

Editorial: Demarche to PRC Envoy: One of the bureau's translations was used this month by Assistant Secretary of State Holdridge as an example of the type of comment China should avoid prior to Secretary Haig's visit in June. According to State 130750 (20 May), during a 19 May call on Holdridge by Chinese Minister Lin Zhaonan to confirm Chinese acceptance of the 14-17 June dates for Secretary Haig's trip, Holdridge gave Lin a copy of an 18 May article filed by the bureau from the Hong Kong HSIN WAN PAO (HK181446) which was critical of recent statements by administration officials on the Taiwan question. Holdridge told Lin that it was desirable "to avoid commentary, either in official or unofficial media, which might affect adversely the atmosphere for the visit," to which Lin expressed "total agreement." (C)

**III. ADMINISTRATION**

1. FSN Meeting With Consul General: On 22 May, a large group of foreign national employees, including several from the bureau, met with

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Consul General Shoesmith to discuss what the employees considered to be problems of wage comparability between the consulate and Hong Kong government and industry. Many of the employees seemed to have come away from the meeting favorably impressed with the sympathetic hearing they got from the consul general, who was presented at the meeting with apparently well-researched data on Hong Kong wages and prices (copy attached). For his part, the consul general has instructed the consulate administrative officer to take steps to ensure wage comparability with the Hong Kong private sector.

The foreign national employees plan to form an association to present their views on this and future issues. (U)

2. Resignation: Monitor [ ] submitted a letter of resignation on 18 May. We have identified a replacement for [ ] as well as for the bureau's other monitorial vacancy, and hope to bring them on in mid-June. (U) STA

3. New Monitors EOD: On 18 May, former monitor [ ] resumed employment and new monitor [ ] entered on duty. (U) STA

4. Promotions: On 8 May, we had the pleasure of presenting well-deserved promotions to associate editor [ ] and monitors [ ] STA  
[ ] The promotions came just a year to the day after the new consulate wage scale--and yearlong wage freeze--went into effect, and served to boost morale significantly. (U) STA

#### IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Ramming Speed! Four nautical-minded members of the bureau--associate editor [ ] teletypist [ ] editor [ ] and deputy chief [ ]--are members of the consulate's dragon boat teams, (photo attached). The teams, which are the first ever entered by the consulate, will compete in the annual races held to celebrate the rite of bathing in the dragon's waters-- which once was probably a nicer idea, that is, before Hong Kong's waters looked like they were full of dragon "residue." Results next month (barring an epidemic of hepatitis). (U) STA

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Chief, Hong Kong Bureau

#### Attachments:

- A. Production
  - B. List of Equipment Received
  - C. Wage Comparability Data
  - D. Dragon Boat Photo
- cc: .Orig. + 3 Hqs./ Chief, Okinawa and Seoul Bureaus/ File

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